# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1333
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RURAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGES
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the number of rural telephone exchanges are less than the requirement in Ranchi region of Bihar;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) the number of telephone connections provided in rural areas of the said region as on date;

(d) the number of applicants in the waiting list in the region as on date; and

(e) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. At present 55 exchanges are working in rural areas. Recently, demand has been registered at 3 places. This demand is also planned to be met by opening exchanges during the current financial year.

(c): The number of telephone connections working in the rural areas in Ranchi region is 4533 as on date.

(d) & (e) : Waiting list of Ranchi SSA (Secondary Switching Area) as on date is 2,305.This waiting list is likely to be cleared gradually by March,2001.